The Provincial Overdose Cohort (ODC) is a collection of information on people who had an overdose between January 1st, 2015 and December 31st, 2018 in BC. It was created to ensure people responding to the overdose crisis have up-to-date information on the needs of people experiencing overdoses.

Demographic Factors, Incarceration History and Risk of Overdose-Related Death

People with criminal justice system involvement are more likely to have an overdose-related death than the general population. Harm reduction and substance use treatment services in BC should focus on supporting people with substance use disorder (SUD), SUD and mental illness, and multiple chronic diseases, and people with a history of criminal justice system involvement.

Among those previously incarcerated...

- Number of previous incarcerations
- Dispensation of opioids for pain (from 2010-2014)
- Being diagnosed with multiple chronic diseases
- Diagnosis of a substance use disorder (SUD)
- SUD in combination with mental illness

...were significant risk factors for overdose-related death.

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